



**Foods Typically Purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
(SNAP) Benefits Study**

Contract No. GS-10F-0240U

Order No. AG-3198-D-11-0050

Monthly Progress Report #1 – September 2011

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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose and Scope of Project

The primary purpose of this study is to determine what foods are typically purchased with SNAP benefits. This effort is designed to examine existing (b)(4) to determine what foods are typically purchased with SNAP benefits, what foods are purchased together by SNAP recipients, and how households vary their product mixes over a given period of time either intra-monthly or on a month to month basis. The findings from this project will inform policy recommendations and contribute to the knowledge base of SNAP program managers, scientists and other program stakeholders.

The study has 5 research objectives:

1. Determine what food items are most frequently purchased with SNAP benefits during an average month.
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The objectives that are ultimately addressed by this study will be driven by the features of the available (b)(4) that have been proposed by IMPAQ.

2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In September 2011, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ made progress on two fronts in September 2011. First, the kickoff meeting was held at FNS headquarters on September 20. Second, IMPAQ began discussions with (b)(4) regarding the content and availability of their (b)(4) for this study.

(b)(4)

In the upcoming month (October 2011) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

(b)(4)

3. Problems Encountered

- None

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

Subtask	Planned		Actual	
	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date
(b)(4)				

Explanation of Differences Between Actual Progress and Planned Progress:

- None

5. Financial Information

Table 2: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Reporting Period

Personnel

(b)(4)

(b)(4)

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

Personnel

(b)(4)

(b)(4)

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

Expense Type	September 2011	Cumulative Through September 2011	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
(b)(4)				
Total Costs	10,290	10,290	739,802	729,512

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

Subtask	September 2011	Cumulative Through September 2011	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
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(b)(4)

Total Costs	10,290	10,290	739,802	729,512
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Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None



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November 17, 2011

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In October 2011, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ made substantial progress on developing plans for (b)(4) analysis. IMPAQ had frequent discussions with (b)(4) regarding the content and availability of their (b)(4) for this study. At the same time, IMPAQ continued to work with FNS to further understand the characteristics and limitations of the ALERT and STARS (b)(4)

(b)(4)

- Substantial progress on the draft (b)(4) acquisition and analysis plan.

In the upcoming month (November 2011) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

(b)(4)

3. Problems Encountered

- None

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

Subtask	Planned		Actual	
	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date
(b)(4)				

Explanation of Differences Between Actual Progress and Planned Progress:

- None

5. Financial Information

Table 2: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Reporting Period

Personnel	(b)(4)
	(b)(4)

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

Personnel	(b)(4)
	(b)(4)

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

Expense Type	October 2011	Cumulative Through October 2011	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
		(b)(4)		
Total Costs	12,148	22,438	739,802	717,364

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

Subtask	October 2011	Cumulative Through October 2011	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
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(b)(4)

Total Costs	12,148	22,438	739,804	717,364
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Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None



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December 20, 2011

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

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Overall Progress

- IMPAQ made substantial progress on developing plans for (b)(4) analysis. IMPAQ had frequent discussions with (b)(4) regarding the content and availability of their (b)(4) for this study. At the same time, IMPAQ continued to work with FNS to further understand the characteristics and limitations of the ALERT and STARS (b)(4)

(b)(4)

- IMPAQ made substantial progress on the revised (b)(4) acquisition and analysis plan.

In the upcoming month (December 2011) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

(b)(4)

3. Problems Encountered

- IMPAQ had not yet received the STARS (b)(4) extract from FNS. (These (b)(4) were received December 5.)

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

Subtask	Planned		Actual	
	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date
		(b)(4)		

Explanation of Differences Between Actual Progress and Planned Progress:

- Due to delays in receiving (b)(4) from FNS, the schedule in Table 1 reflects a no cost contract modification. More specifically, IMPAQ and FNS agreed to the following changes:

Task	Original Due Date	Revised Due Date
(b)(4)		

5. Financial Information

Table 2: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Reporting Period

Personnel	(b)(4)
	(b)(4)

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

Personnel

(b)(4)

(b)(4)

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

Expense Type	November 2011	Cumulative Through November 2011	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
(b)(4)				
Total Costs	23,998	46,436	739,802	693,366

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

Subtask	November 2011	Cumulative Through November 2011	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
(b)(4)				
Total Costs	23,998	46,436	739,802	693,366

Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None



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Monthly Progress Report #4 – December 2011

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January 17, 2012

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In December 2011, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ completed task (b)(4) and delivered the final (b)(4) Acquisition and Analysis Plan to FNS.
- IMPAQ met in person with (b)(4) at their headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio. The meeting informed (b)(4) (b)(4)
- IMPAQ continued discussions with (b)(4) regarding the availability of their (b)(4) for this study (b)(4) (b)(4)

- IMPAQ analyzed the ALERT and STARS (b)(4) extracts it received from FNS and determined that linking these (b)(4) to the (b)(4) (b)(4) would not be feasible.

(b)(4)

In the upcoming month (January 2012) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

(b)(4)

- IMPAQ will deliver to FNS a draft (b)(4) usage agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ for this project. This is the first deliverable of this task.
- IMPAQ will continue discussions with (b)(4) regarding usage of their (b)(4) for this study.
- IMPAQ will discuss with FNS the draft (b)(4) usage agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ in order to inform revisions of the agreement.

3. Problems Encountered

- None.

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

Subtask	Planned		Actual	
	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date
(b)(4)				

5. Financial Information

Table 2: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Reporting Period

Personnel

(b)(4)

(b)(4)

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

Personnel

(b)(4)

(b)(4)

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

Expense Type	December 2011	Cumulative Through December 2011	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
(b)(4)				
Total Costs	29,161	75,597	739,802	664,205

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

Subtask	December 2011	Cumulative Through December 2011	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
(b)(4)				

Total Costs	29,161	75,597	739,802	664,205
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Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None



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Monthly Progress Report #5 – January 2012

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February 15, 2012

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In January 2012, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ delivered to FNS a draft (b)(4) usage agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ, the first deliverable under task (b)(4)
- IMPAQ continued discussions with (b)(4) regarding the availability of their (b)(4) for this study.
- IMPAQ continued discussions with FNS regarding the (b)(4) for this study.

Task 3: Acquire (b)(4)

- IMPAQ had frequent discussions with (b)(4) regarding the availability of their (b)(4) for this study.
- IMPAQ had frequent discussions with FNS regarding the (b)(4) for this study.

- IMPAQ delivered to FNS a draft (b)(4) usage agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ, the first deliverable under task (b)(4)
- IMPAQ provided (b)(4) with edits and comments on the draft (b)(4) usage agreement based on comments from FNS and IMPAQ's thoughts and questions.

In the upcoming month (February 2012) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

(b)(4)

3. Problems Encountered

- None.

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

Subtask	Planned		Actual	
	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date
		(b)(4)		

5. Financial Information

Table 2: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Reporting Period

Personnel	(b)(4)
	(b)(4)

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

Personnel	(b)(4)
	(b)(4)

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

Expense Type	January 2012	Cumulative Through January 2012	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
(b)(4)				
Total Costs	13,659	89,256	739,802	650,546

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

Subtask	January 2012	Cumulative Through January 2012	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
(b)(4)				

Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None



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Monthly Progress Report #6 – February 2012

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March 19, 2012

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose and Scope of Project

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The objectives that are ultimately addressed by this study will be driven by the features of the available (b)(4) that have been proposed by IMPAQ.

2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In February 2012, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ delivered to FNS an update regarding the (b)(4) usage agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ on February 6, a deliverable under task (b)(4).
- IMPAQ continued discussions with (b)(4) regarding the availability of their (b)(4) for this study.
- IMPAQ continued discussions with FNS regarding the (b)(4) for this study including meeting in person at FNS headquarters on February 27.

(b)(4)

- IMPAQ delivered to FNS an update regarding the (b)(4) usage agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ on February 6, a deliverable under task 3.
- IMPAQ provided (b)(4) with edits and comments on the draft (b)(4) usage agreement based on comments from FNS and IMPAQ's thoughts and questions.
- IMPAQ provided FNS with language acceptable to (b)(4) for reporting the source of the (b)(4) for this study.

In the upcoming month (March 2012) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

(b)(4)

3. Problems Encountered

- None.

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

Subtask	Planned		Actual	
	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date
		(b)(4)		

5. Financial Information

Table 2: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Reporting Period

(b)(4)

Personnel

(b)(4)

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

(b)(4)

Personnel

(b)(4)

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

Expense Type	February 2012	Cumulative	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
		Through February		
		2012		
(b)(4)				
Total Costs	14,232	103,488	739,802	636,314

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

Subtask	February 2012	Cumulative Through February 2012	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
		(b)(4)		

Total Costs	14,232	103,488	739,802	636,314
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Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None



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Monthly Progress Report #7 – March 2012

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April 19, 2012

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In March 2012, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ delivered to FNS a revised (b)(4) usage agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ for this project, a deliverable under task (b)(4) on March 7.
- IMPAQ delivered to FNS a revised (b)(4) acquisition and analysis plan on March 30.

(b)(4)

In the upcoming month (April 2012) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

(b)(4)

3. Problems Encountered

- None.

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

Subtask	Planned		Actual	
	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date
		(b)(4)		

5. Financial Information

Table 2: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Reporting Period

(b)(4)

Personnel

(b)(4)

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

(b)(4)

Personnel

(b)(4)

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

Expense Type	March 2012	Cumulative Through March 2012	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
(b)(4)				
Total Costs	10,629	114,117	739,802	625,685

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

Subtask	March 2012	Cumulative Through March 2012 (b)(4)	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
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Total Costs	10,629	114,117	739,802	625,685
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Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None



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May 15, 2012

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In April 2012, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ completed task (b)(4) by finalizing the service agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ for this project.
 - IMPAQ and (b)(4) began activities related to analyzing the (b)(4) (b)(4)
- (b)(4)

In the upcoming month (May 2012) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

(b)(4)

3. Problems Encountered

- None.

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

Subtask	Planned		Actual	
	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date
(b)(4)				

5. Financial Information

Table 2: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Reporting Period

Personnel

(b)(4)

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

Personnel

(b)(4)

(b)(4)

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

Expense Type	April 2012	Cumulative Through April 2012	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
(b)(4)				
Total Costs	13,391	127,508	739,802	612,294

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

Subtask	April 2012	Cumulative Through April 2012	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
(b)(4)				

Total Costs	13,391	127,508	739,802	612,294
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Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None



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June 19, 2012

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In May 2012, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ continued working with (b)(4) on activities related to analyzing the (b)(4) (b)(4) per the service agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ for this project.

(b)(4)

In the upcoming month (June 2012) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

Task 4: Analyze (b)(4)

- IMPAQ will continue activities related to analyzing the (b)(4) as detailed in the service agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ.
- IMPAQ will continue discussions with FNS regarding the (b)(4) and analysis for this study.

3. Problems Encountered

- None.

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

Subtask	Planned		Actual	
	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date
(b)(4)				

5. Financial Information

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Personnel

(b)(4)

(b)(4)

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

Personnel

(b)(4)

(b)(4)

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

Expense Type	May 2012	Cumulative Through May 2012 (b)(4)	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
Total Costs	47,944	175,452	739,802	564,350

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

Subtask	May 2012	Cumulative Through May 2012 (b)(4)	Total Budgeted	Remaining Funds
Total Costs	47,944	175,452	739,802	564,350

Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None